

DEATH CALLS FORMER HAMMOND MAYOR TODAY

THE WEATHER.
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HAMMOND, INDIANA

J. D. SMALLEY DEAD, CITY MOURNING

Decedent Was One of Best
Officials City of Hammond
Ever Had

Hammond and in fact every city in the Calumet region where his fame had spread was profoundly shocked this morning when the announcement was made that Ex-Mayor John D. Smalley, one of the city's best known men had died suddenly after a brief illness at his home, 31 Detroit street.

Few, except Mr. Smalley's closest friends were aware of his illness and even these were not prepared for the sad news which the morning brought. He was down town at his office on Friday and Tuesday and he would cause for alarm and that he would soon be as well as usual again. Later pneumonia set in resulting in death this morning at 5 o'clock.

BORN AN OHIOAN.
John D. Smalley was born on a farm near Upper Sandusky, O., May 6, 1859. When he was fifteen years old he left the farm and finished high school at Upper Sandusky. His father died when he was seventeen years old and his mother was taken two years later, leaving the young man to make his own way in the world.

His first employment was as clerk in the office of the treasurer of Wyandotte county, Ohio. He then spent two years at Nashville, Tenn., as bookkeeper for a lumber firm. At the age of twenty-three he commenced work in a railroad office and he continued in railroad work until the time of his appointment to the office of city controller of Hammond by Mayor Lawrence Becker, May 1, 1905.

HAMMOND'S ERIE AGENT.
While in the railroad service Mr. Smalley was with the Pennsylvania Co. for a number of years, receiving only promotion after another. In 1920 he came to Hammond to become agent for the Erie railroad. From the duties of local agent he was promoted in 1902 to larger duties as supervising inspector of the joint rates inspection bureau with headquarters in Chicago. However, he continued to maintain his residence at Hammond.

While Mr. Smalley was serving as city controller, an office in which he made a splendid reputation, Mayor Becker was appointed superior court judge by Governor Marshall. Mr. Smalley succeeded to the mayor's chair, March 8, 1911. In November, 1913, he was re-elected on the democratic ticket, serving four more years. Many improvements in municipal affairs during his administration may be traced to his energetic leadership and sterling honesty.

BECAME REALTY OPERATOR.
Following his retirement from office he had become interested in real estate work. During the time of his death was secretary and treasurer of the firm of Hargis & Moore.

In 1922 Mr. Smalley was married to Julia Gloesser at Upper Sandusky, O., and came to Hammond the same year. Mrs. Smalley died April 8, 1910. One son, Bryant Smalley, of Hammond, survives this union. His second marriage was to Bertha Hansen February 14, 1912.

He leaves the wife and son, three brothers and one sister. The brothers are William Smalley of Cincinnati, O.; Abraham Smalley of Keyser, West Virginia; and Isaac Smalley of Panama, the sister is Margaret Smalley of Portland, Ore. The brothers are expected to arrive in time for the funeral.

PROMINENT IN FRATERNITIES.
Mr. Smalley has been prominent in fraternal work during his twenty-eight year in Hammond. He was the secretary and treasurer of Hammond Elks for fourteen consecutive terms and was a member of the Macabees. He was affiliated with McKinley lodge F. & A. M. and had taken the thirty-second degree in Freemasonry. On November 10 he was a member of a large class which took the Consistory at Fort Wayne and on returning from a consistory meeting at Fort Wayne Friday complained of having taken cold. He was unable to break it up and although he continued about his work it is believed that this attack was the forerunner of the illness which resulted in his death.

FUNERAL ON FRIDAY.
The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. Paul's Episcopal church on Elmham avenue of which he had long been a member. The body will lie in state at the home all day Friday up to the time of the services. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery.

COAL PRICES ARE DROPPING
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 14.—Coal prices have been slashed from \$3 to \$3.25 per ton here, the heaviest reduction being made by Randall Bros. Coal company, who announce a reduction in the price of domestic lump coal from \$15.75 to \$12.75 per ton. Other companies announce a reduction from \$15 to \$14 for domestic coal and from \$11.50 to \$10 for run-of-mine coal.

In carload lots mine run coal will be sold at \$9. Improved car movement and better terms at the mines are given as the cause.

PARENTS OF SIX SETS OF TWINS ARE DEAD
MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 13.—A double funeral will be held tomorrow for Mortimer Costin, 81 and his wife, 76. The aged couple were found unconscious in bed last week. They had been married 60 years and were the parents of 22 children, 13 of them being twins. Nine children survive.

OAK GLEN MAN DEAD
MUNSTER, Ind., Dec. 13.—John Erlingburg, aged 76, an old citizen of Oak Glen died yesterday morning. He leaves a wife and seven children to mourn. The funeral will take place Friday from the home and Minister church at 2 p. m. Neldow in charge.

HOW TO CUT TAXES DOWN ASSEMBLY'S BIGGEST PROBLEM

SEEKING TO HOLD DOWN LEGISLATION

Talk of Normal Prices and
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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 15.—The greatest problem that will face the Indiana general assembly when it convenes Jan. 6 will not be the new legislation needed, but the holding down of legislation that will in any way increase the cost of government.

On the basis of the old assessments, such as were made prior to the enforcement of the "true cash value" principle of assessing under the new tax law, all the larger cities in Indiana are paying taxes at the rate of from \$5 to \$10 on the \$100 of assessed property.

If in 1919 any city had a rate of \$10 the people of that city would have become enraged. In a measure they are blinded to the high taxes being paid now because of the reduced levies by reason of the increased assessments.

Members of the assembly realize that all talk of normal prices and normal wages is pure bunk as long as high taxes are in vogue. This is easily proved. Every man, woman and child in Indiana now pays the federal government, directly or indirectly \$44 a year in taxes. Every person in Indiana pays the state and local governments, directly or indirectly, \$40 a year in taxes. These local taxes may not be paid to the county treasurer directly by the persons affected, but nevertheless every person must stand the bill for taxes in some way or another, whether it be in the form of increased rent or higher costs for other things needed even in the humblest home.

The fact that a large portion of the taxes are paid directly by the merchants, manufacturers and public utilities, does not relieve the average man or woman or child. The taxes are always passed along to the consumers. That is well known. Therefore the average family of five in Indiana must pay an average of \$420 a year in taxes.

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FIRE KILLS GIRL RESCUING HER KITTEN

Little June Kirker Formerly
of Hammond Dies at
Detroit, Mich.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 15.—June Kirker's kitten is alive today, but June is dead. The kitten, the pet of the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kirker, 245 Vincennes avenue, ventured too close to the gas stove in the dining room, Thursday, June, fearing for her pet's safety, rushed forward to catch him.

Her gingham rompers caught fire and she ran to the stairs in flames. Robert J. Patterson, a visitor, caught the child and wrapped her in a rug, but she was too badly burned that she died at Grace hospital, Sunday.

Patterson suffered burns on his hands.

The Kirker family up to three weeks ago lived in Hammond at 31 Waltham street and June was a twin daughter. George, Mr. Kirker's brother returned from the funeral which was held yesterday at Detroit.

**SAYS HUSBAND
ABUSED HER**

Rough treatment by her husband has led Alice Horvat to file suit for divorce from James Horvat. The complaint was filed today by Attorney L. T. Meyer in the Hammond superior court.

Mrs. Horvat says they were married last February and lived together until September 7. James is said to have threatened her with a loaded revolver and he also promised to knock her teeth out of her mouth. She accuses him of shaking her violently and adds that this mistreatment has greatly impaired her health.

James is also accused of intimacy with Miss Katie Hasumich, Mrs. Rasmich and Mrs. Sherman. The plaintiff asks for \$3,000 alimony and \$50 per week support money until the suit is decided.

"Y" MAN AT LUNCHEON

H. H. Richardson, state boy's secretary of the Y. M. C. A., will be the speaker at the Hammond Chamber of Commerce luncheon tomorrow morning. His subject will be "A Place for the Boys."

Mr. Richardson first became an active worker in the interest of boys, while he was a young business man at Victoria, Australia. At that place he took an active part in Boy Scout work and is credited with having done magnificent work both at Victoria and Melbourne. Later he followed the same work in Canada and the United States. He addressed the Rotary club at Michigan City on the same subject last Thursday, telling of interesting experiences he has had and of the work which he believes should be done.

It is urged that parents and all persons interested in the welfare of boys attend tomorrow's luncheon.

He Wanted to Experiment, Needs Lawyer

Anton Posuk, 506 Fields avenue, was arrested last night by Hammond police on a charge of operating a still. Anton's still was brought to the police station with him.

When arraigned before Judge Klotz this morning, Anton told all about it and then decided he would not enter his plea of guilty, but would hire a lawyer to defend him tomorrow.

He said his brother-in-law had told him all about making moonshine out of potato peelings and sugar, but he didn't believe it. To prove his claim the brother-in-law brought the still to Anton's house, set it up and made a couple of quarts of hooch. Then the still was dumped in a closet and left there until yesterday when out of curiosity Anton hauled it out and tried the moonshine business himself. He had just filled a bottle when the police came.

Anton had his wife and four small children in court with him to impress upon the judge the fact that he should not be jailed and leave them destitute.

**C. M. SCHWAB
WON'T ANSWER
QUESTIONS PUT**

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Charles Schwab, chairman of the board of directors of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, refused to answer questions today or explain charges brought out before the Lockwood legislative housing committee that his corporation fought for the open shop by the methods of not accepting orders from builders employing union men.

The same practice was also alleged against the U. S. Steel corporation.

These allegations were made by the heads of two of the largest construction companies in the U. S., Paul Starrett, president of the George A. Fuller Construction company, and Julius Horwitz, president of the Thompson-Starrett company. They said they were not able to get construction needed in large quantities from the steel mills direct, the policy of the mills being to sell only to the Iron League Erectors association, which maintained open conditions.

Eugene A. Grace, president of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, was to take the stand before the housing problem this afternoon. Starrett said his company was forced to scrap \$250,000 worth of equipment because it could not get steel. Horwitz said his firm was forced to pay more than \$250,000 above his own figures on a \$5,000,000 job which had to be done by the "Iron League" builders, because he could not get steel.

**REPUBLICAN MEET
AT CAPITAL**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 15.—Hammond was the watchword of republican members of the general assembly who held a get-together meeting at the Hotel Severin today, on call of the state party organization. The meeting was called at the behest of Governor-elect Warren T. McCray and some of his advisers who believed there should be a getting-together for the sake of harmonious action in the forthcoming session of the legislature.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 in the hotel assembly room by Emmet F. Branch, lieutenant-governor-elect. Mr. McCray addressed the legislators.

Outlines of the most important legislation, including appropriations for the state and national organizations and organization of the two houses of the assembly were discussed in lobby conferences prior to the conference.

**WILSON SELLECTS
MORGANTHAU**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Henry Morgenthau of New York has been selected by President Wilson as his agent in proposed mediation between Armenia and the Turkish Nationalists. It was learned officially this afternoon that the assembly received his instructions this afternoon. He will act as the personal agent of the president.

It is understood that Mr. Morgenthau will not leave for the near east until a report is received from the league of nations relative to conditions in Armenia.

COLLECTING FOR XMAS FUND

We have started a fund for poor for Xmas and wish your paper would please publish the list of contributors. They are as follows: Anderson's restaurant, \$5.00; Joe the Tailor, \$1.00; Kido Friend, \$2.00; Mrs. Rumas, \$2.00; Mr. McHew, \$5.00; Red Star Pharmacy, \$1.00; Wikwam Furniture, \$1.00; Mrs. M. Fuike, \$5.00.

A good word for your paper will boost this fund which will go for free entertainment and baskets Christmas morning.

There is no ice beneath the feet. Nor snow upon the lea. The dying year is not complete. Without an Xmas tree.

If you will give a small bequest. Our Xmas fund will do the rest. Hoping this will appear in your afternoon edition Dec. 1 we are,

Respectfully yours,
NATIONAL ADV. CO.
H. D. WHITE

The Times is unable to find where the National Adv. Co. is listed in the directory and does not vouch for it.

KILLS SELF BECAUSE WIFE SUES

John Almasan Reads Notice
of Wife's Divorce Suit
and Then Suicides

John Almasan, a Roumanian, of 2319 137th st., Indiana Harbor, committed suicide late yesterday afternoon by shooting himself twice in the chest, following an announcement in THE TIMES that his wife, Flora Almasan, had filed suit for a divorce in the Hammond superior court yesterday.

Almasan, who is one of the most prominent Roumanians in Indiana Harbor, has been employed for a number of years at the Buffington plant. He had layed off from work yesterday afternoon to go to Chicago, where he had planned to make some Christmas purchases.

Being a little short of money, Almasan went to the bank to make a withdrawal and was informed by one of the tellers that there had been a lien placed against his account, and that they could not let him have a penny.

Almasan then went back to his home and began telling his friends about his wife filing a suit for divorce and about her having his money tied up.

He then went out into the yard in the rear of the house and fired two shots in his chest, dying instantly.

The Almasans were married in May of this year and separated last Sunday. Yesterday Mrs. Almasan, through her attorney, John D. Kennedy had filed suit for divorce, claiming that her husband had beat and whipped her unmercifully and kicked her until she was black and blue.

This was Almasan's second wife, his first wife dying in the old country about a year ago.

**EX-SERVICE
MEN CALLED
TO MEETING**

American Legion men are preparing to honor the memory of the late Edward Larson, member of Battery C, 12 F. A., who died in France and whose body is on its way here for interment by giving him the finest military funeral ever held in Hammond. It is hoped that reason a mass meeting has been called for tomorrow night at American Legion hall on State street at 8 o'clock, to make arrangements. All ex-service men are requested to be present and especially members of the decedent's battery in the 12 F. A. Hammond people should respect the wishes of the Legion and help to make this the first of its kind, one never to be forgotten.

**FEDERAL RULE IN
STATE UNHARMONIOUS**

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—That all is not harmony between the various departments of the federal government in Indiana charged with the enforcement of the prohibition laws was revealed in a complaint by Charles P. Tighe, special agent of the department of justice in charge of the Indiana Bureau of Investigation, that his department has been called upon to investigate liquor cases.

Announcing that his agents have been engaged in efforts to obtain evidence in the Muncie "clean-up" campaign, Mr. Tighe said the department of justice "should not be called upon to deal with violations of prohibition" and stated Washington headquarters is "not willing to carry on the work of another department."

Mr. Tighe pointed out that although the prohibition enforcement department has been organized only a short time, its members have sufficient funds to complete organization and he feels that "the additional burden of enforcement should not be added to the already heavy duties of the department of justice."

Charles Orblison, prohibition enforcement officer in Indiana, replied that "we will stand upon the work of our department which will become manifest in due season."

**BIG GALE ON
GREAT LAKES**

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 15.—Reports early today from Port William and Port Arthur, Ontario, bring word that a thirty mile gale, accompanied by a blinding snowstorm, that swept across the upper great lakes last night is still blowing. Thirty grain boats carrying cargoes of 3,000,000 bushels left these two ports Sunday and not all of them, it is feared today, may have reached shelter. Four of the fleet have returned to Port Arthur. Fourteen have reached the shelter of White Fish point at the lower end of Lake Superior. Although no word has been received from the others wireless reports today failed to discover any boats in danger.

Death Ends Attempted Extortion

Hammond Man Kills East
Chicagoan Who Comes to
Demand Money

Extortionists picked on the wrong man when they attempted to wring money by threats from Antonio Man, 424 Morton avenue, Hammond.

As a result an Italian believed to be Frank Greco, 4745 Todd avenue, East Chicago, is dead. Circumstances which led to the killing and which bear evidence of being part of a "black hand" plot, are being thoroughly investigated by the police and Deputy Coroner H. J. White.

Man shows the usual reticence of his people in talking freely on events leading up to the affair. He says that last Saturday two men, strangers to him, came to the room which he occupies at the rear of the house at 424 Morton avenue. They demanded \$400 and could not meet their demand.

Monday the two appeared again and again told him to hand over the amount required. Once more he sent them away unsatisfied. As they left the house one of the men turned to Man and informed him that he would come again on Tuesday and that if the money was not forthcoming at that time he would kill him.

Man spent a troubled day yesterday but refused to take anyone else into his confidence. However, he determined on his course of action.

At 5:20 Tuesday evening Greco came to Man's rooms.

"Well how about it?" demanded the visitor.

"I told you I could not raise the money yesterday," replied Man.

"Well you know what I told you," exclaimed the extortionist as he suddenly reached for the revolver which was strapped at his side.

An instant later four shots were fired in rapid succession but it was not Man's body which crumpled to a heap on the floor. The intended victim had secured a gun early in the day and had carried it with him in expectation of the money demand. His act in drawing the weapon was an instant ahead of Greco's threatening move.

Greco died instantly. One of the bullets struck near his right eye, penetrated the brain and tore a large hole in the skull on the opposite side of his head. Another pierced his shoulder. The third struck him in the chest and the fourth was only a few inches lower.

Police were summoned and Man was placed under arrest. He is being held on a murder charge pending the coroner's inquest which will be held Saturday. Deputy Coroner White visited the scene and examined the body and clothing of the dead man. A purse containing a number of papers was found. One of these was a receipt bearing the name "Frank Greco." Inquiry revealed that there was such a man in East Chicago and it is believed he has a brother residing in Indiana Harbor.

Greco wore a cartridge belt and holster which contained a .32-20 Smith & Wesson revolver. He also had a number of extra cartridges in his pocket, a lady's watch and \$35 in money. The body is being held at the Burns morgue in Hammond while search for the brother continues.

**STEEL WORKERS GET
WAGE REDUCTION NOTICE**

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—More than 2,000 employees of the Lukens Steel Co., were today informed of a 25 per cent reduction in wages, effective on January 1. The cut will affect all of the employees. Overtime will also be eliminated after the new year, the daily wage being set at nine hours.

The Lukens company is, the first steel concern in the country to announce a straight wage reduction.

**WHITING MEN
ARRESTED**

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)
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J. Lacoe arrested by Officer Bellon for passing a street car discharging passengers at 119th street and Indiana boulevard furnished a \$25.00 bond for his release to appear tomorrow for trial.

**NEW YORK ANGLE
TO COLOSIMO MYSTERY**

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—By Chicago detectives are en route to New York today to search for the slayer of "Big Jim" Colosimo, famous Chicago cabaret proprietor, who was shot down last May in the doorway of his establishment. Chicago police believe that the man who killed Colosimo was hired in New York by powerful enemies of the slain man to come here and make away with him.

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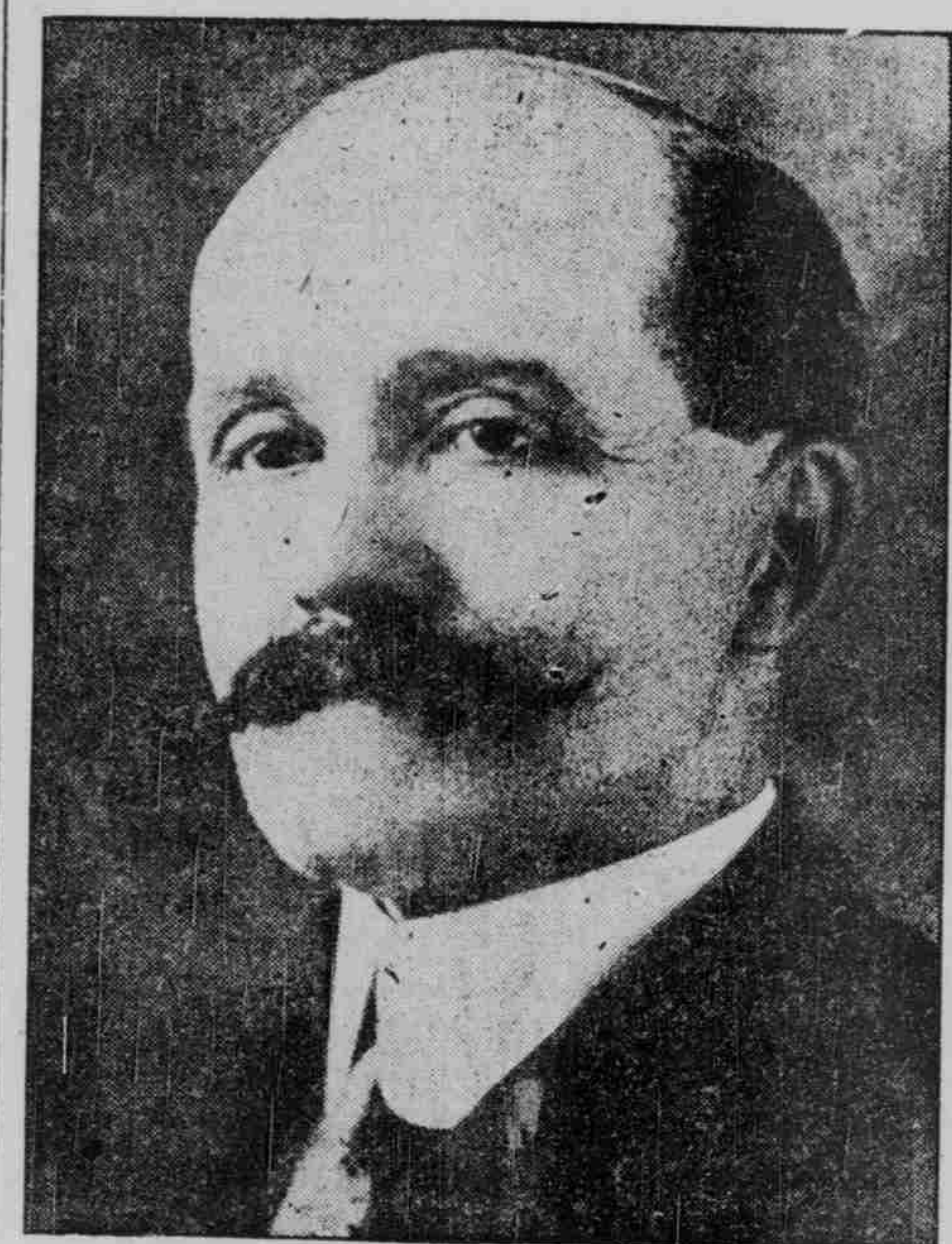
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The balloon, one of the largest in the service, holding 35,000 cubic feet of hydrogen, was on an endurance test.

FORMER HAMMOND MAYOR SUMMONED BY DEATH TODAY



The above picture is from a photograph taken of the late Hon. John D. Smalley when he was mayor of Hammond.

Rabbit Punch Winner for J. Dempsey

Tad, Famous Fight Expert,
Says Champ Put up a
Poor Scrap

BY TAD
(Famous Cartoonist and Sporting
Writer)

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The rabbit punch ended Bill Brennan's chance for the heavyweight title last night in the twelfth round of his bout at Madison Square Garden with Jack Dempsey.

The punch that is dreaded by all fighters, barred in Australian rings and made famous years ago by Milburn Saylor, is the one that Jack Dempsey used on the stout hearted Brennan.

It was a see-saw battle in which blood flowed freely and the champion was man-handled quite a bit.

The end came after one minute and fifteen seconds of fighting in the twelfth round. Dempsey, cut and bleeding, lowered his head and waded into the tired Brennan. There was a mix-up in the center of the ring. They broke and Dempsey missed a long left swing for Bill's head. The latter then started a right hand for the champion's jaw, but just as it got half way Jack dug a left into the pit of the Windy City fighter's stomach. Brennan told Dempsey he was a "rabbit puncher."

Most touching his knees, Dempsey waited for only a fraction of a second. Raising his right he brought it down like a trip-hammer on the back of Brennan's neck. It was the old rabbit punch.

Brennan fell to the floor slowly. At the count of ten he got up and fell on the ropes in a neutral corner.

No heavyweight champion in the history of the ring had the close call that Dempsey had last night. Over-tired, nervous and off his game altogether, the champion put up a very poor fight.

**MORE HOUSE
BREAKING**

Another house robbery, probably several days old, came to light last night when Mrs. C. E. Higgins returned to her home at 136 Standard avenue, Hammond, after an absence since Sunday evening.

Mrs. Higgins found that the house had been ransacked. All of her best table silverware had been taken, along with a green jersey silk petticoat and several other small articles. A savings bank containing \$10 is also missing.

The burglar had evidently taken his time in going through the house. He had entered through a bedroom window and after propping a chair against the front door had visited all of the rooms. Considerable time seems to have been spent in the kitchen for a number of cigar butts were found on the floor. He departed through the basement door.

**TWO BIG SHIP-
MENTS ARRIVE**

Just received Holiday stock of Johnston's and Whitman's candies in one, two and five pound boxes. Nelson's Drug Store.

5 P.M. NEWS FLASHES

BULLETIN
INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The Bethlehem Steel Corporation makes it a policy not to sell steel to contractors operating on a "closed shop" or union basis. Eugene C. Grace, president of that corporation, admitted late today on the witness stand before the Lockwood legislative housing committee.

BULLETIN
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Pitcher Rube Marquard was traded today for Pitcher "Dutch" Reuther to the Cincinnati Reds. Announcement of the deal was made late this afternoon by Manager Wilbert Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.
CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Despite government reports that the 1920 wheat crop has been exceeded only three times in the country's history and that Kansas has registered a gain of 13,000,000 bushels of the commodity, Chicago grain dealers today are bemoaning the apparent fact that the city is losing prestige as the world's greatest grain center.

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